

CLAIMS

1. A search method, comprising the steps of:

5 a user positing a query to a search engine;

 a first list of search results being returned to said user by said search engine
in response to said query, said search results each associated with one or more
Web sites;

 providing a selection mechanism within said first list that allows said user to
10 identify search results of interest from among those search results within said first
list;

 said user applying a gesture to said selection mechanism to identify search
results of interest from among those search results within said first list;

 providing a second list of search results to which said search results of
15 interest may be added;

 adding said search results of interest to said second list in response to said
user gesture; and

 allowing a user to visit Web sites associated said search results of interest
from said second list without having to select and return to said first list of search
20 results.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said search method is implemented in a user
client.

25 3. The method of Claim 2, wherein said user client is a browser.

4. The method of Claim 1, wherein said method is implemented in a server.

5. The method of Claim 1, wherein said user gesture is a mouse-over click gesture.

5 6. The method of Claim 1, wherein said second list is any of a pull down and a side bar.

7. The method of Claim 1, wherein said selection mechanism comprises a separate checkbox associated with each of said search results in said first list.

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8. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:
providing an edit facility for entries made to said second list.

9. The method of Claim 8, said edit facility providing functionality for any of editing
15 entries, clearing all entries, and clearing individual sites.

10. The method of Claim 1, wherein said search comprises any of a content search, file search, and a database search.

20 11. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
saving entries in said second list in chronological order, where most recent sites are displayed at a top of said second list.

12. The method of Claim 1, wherein said second list comprises a temporary queue
25 in which entries are not saved across search sessions.

13. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

said user designating selected entries within said second list for transfer to a bookmarks list to save information related to said selected entries for use after a current search session has ended.

5 14. The method of Claim 1, wherein said search method is implemented in a search portal.

15. A search apparatus, comprising:

 a search engine to which a user posits a query;

10 said search engine returning a first list of search results to said user in response to said query, said search results each associated with one or more Web sites;

 a selection mechanism within said first list that allows said user to identify search results of interest from among those search results within said first list;

15 means for said user applying a gesture to said selection mechanism to identify search results of interest from among those search results within said first list;

 a second list of search results to which said search results of interest may be added, wherein said search results of interest are added to said second list in
20 response to said user gesture; and

 means for allowing a user to visit Web sites associated said search results of interest from said second list without having to select and return to said first list of search results.

25 16. The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said search apparatus is implemented in a user client.

17. The apparatus of Claim 16, wherein said user client is a browser.
18. The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said search apparatus is implemented in a
5 server.
19. The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said user gesture is a mouse-over click gesture.
- 10 20. The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said second list is any of a pull down and a side bar.
21. The apparatus of Claim 15 wherein said selection mechanism comprises a separate checkbox associated with each of said search results in said first list.
- 15 22. The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising:
an edit facility for entries made to said second list.
23. The apparatus of Claim 22, said edit facility providing functionality for any of
20 editing entries, clearing all entries, and clearing individual sites.
24. The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said search comprises any of a content search, file search, and a database search.
- 25 25. The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising:

means for saving entries in said second list in chronological order, where most recent sites are displayed at a top of said second list.

26. The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said second list comprises a temporary
5 queue in which entries are not saved across search sessions.

27. The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising:

means for said user designating selected entries within said second list for
transfer to a bookmarks list to save information related to said selected entries for
10 use after a current search session has ended.

28. The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said search method is implemented in a
search portal.